SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE NEWS FOR SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

Good morning and welcome to the weekly news bulletin of the South African Radio League read by ..... [your name, call sign and QTH]

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While the problems experienced by some members accessing the SARL web pages are being attended to, an additional channel is now available. To download the weekly SARL News audio recordings and to listen to, or download Amateur Radio Today, log on to www.amateurradio.org.za.

In the news today:

VOTING FOR THE 2022 SARL AGM MOTIONS

THE 2022 SARL AGM HELD YESTERDAY 23 APRIL

and

CLUB AND CONTEST NEWS

Stay tuned for more information on these and other interesting news items.

VOTING FOR THE 2022 SARL AGM MOTIONS

The electronic voting for the 2022 SARL AGM motions will open at 00:01 CAT on Monday 25 April and close at 23:59 CAT on Wednesday 4 May 2022. There are six motions to vote for, starting with Motion 2. Motion 1 was the electronic voting for the 2021 Annual Financial Statements. Visit www.sarl.org.za/Web3/ElectronicVoting/Default.aspx to vote. You need to click on the box "I confirm that I have read and fully understand the Motions listed above" and then sign in with your call sign and password. The voting options are "Yes" or "No" or "Abstain." Follow the instructions on the voting page and submit your vote. You will receive an e-mail confirming that you have voted.

The motions are
Motion 2022-02. Receive the proposed budget for year ending 30 June 2023.

Motion 2022-03. To receive and ratify the proposed subscriptions for year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
Motion 2022-04 To reappoint C J L Du Plessis Inc (Practice No 902388) as the Auditors for 2022/2023.
Motion 2022-05 The Giving Back to Clubs Scheme
Motion 2022-06 Proposed Amendment of the Constitution and Rules of the SARL

THE ITU CELEBRATES 2022 WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

In recognition of World Amateur Radio Day, held on 18 April, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) published articles and social media posts highlighting various facets of amateur radio. This included an ITU News interview with Philipp Springer, DK6SP, Chairman of the IARU Region 1 Youth Working Group and the article "How to become a radio 'ham' in the digital era," by Nick Sinanis, SV3SJ, ITU Study Group Advisor and head of the ITU radio station, 4U1ITU. Philipp Springer is also featured in an ITU video on YouTube. In his article, Nick Sinanis explained that "ITU plays a key role in amateur radio by overseeing the standardization and regulatory processes of the radiocommunication sector (ITU-R), with special emphasis on its utility in emergency communications."

THE SARL AGM WAS HELD YESTERDAY SATURDAY 23 APRIL

The 2022 SARL AGM was opened at 10:00 CAT yesterday Saturday 23 April by Nico, ZS6QL the President of the SARL. The AGM could be held with 252 registrations and proxies received by the start of the meeting. The minutes of the 2021 SARL AGM was approved whereafter Nico, ZS6QL presented the Presidents Report for the past year. Chris, ZS6GM presented the Financial report. The various motions were discussed and the new Council for 2022/2023 was named.

Nico, ZS6QL talked about the IARU Region 1 Shaping the Future programme and Dave, ZS2DH gave an overview of the work being done on the news SARL web site. Dennis, ZS4BS announced the SARL Awards and Trophies for 2021. The meeting closed at 12:55. The 2022 SARL Annual Report can be downloaded from the front page of the League web site.

GET ON THE AIR FOR WORLD AMATEUR RADIO DAY

Thank you to everybody who participated, including the Clubs! Remember to send your log to secretary@sarl.org.za. The Certificates will be issuing from next week, the Secretary is busy with the SARL AGM documents.

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CLUB NEWS

What is happening today? You should be visiting the Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve (ZSFF-0192), where you can participate in hiking, bird watching, photography, a social with friends, family and fellow amateurs and most importantly, the next Sandton ARC Fox hunt and some outdoor radio fun. We will meet at the main entrance complex opposite 129 Peggy Vera Road, Kibler Park at 09:45 CAT for a Fox Hunt briefing and will start the hunt together at 10:00 CAT. Entrance to the reserve is free. There is secure parking available, you can picnic in the reserve or at the entrance, where you will also find toilet facilities and picnic spots. Braaiing is permitted at the entrance complex.

Let's now ask you a question. Do you have a Radio Shack? Then you need to join the Talking Tech Power Hour on Wednesday evening, where our special guest, Leon Uys, ZR6N will be discussing quick and easy things you can do today to reduce noise in your shack and a few you should not. Join the talk at 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 27 April on the 145,700 repeater or via Echolink on ZS6STN-R. All are welcome.

CONTEST NEWS

The second leg of the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest will run from 14:00 to 15:00 UTC on Saturday 30 April with CW, phone and RTTY activity. The exchange is a RS, RST or RSQ report, your Club name and your 4 character grid square. You earn three points for a CW and RTTY QSO and two points for a phone QSO. Then you earn two points for each new grid square worked and one point for each new Club worked. Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Thursday 5 May to contest@sarl.org.za. Read the definition of a single operator in the General Rules in the 2022 Blue Book.

Nine logs were received for the autumn leg of the SARL QRP Contest.

1st Johannes van Zijl, ZS4DZ – 144 points
2nd the West Rand ARC, ZS6WR -132 points
3rd Anthony Williams, ZS6WT – 126 points

Twenty logs were received for the SARL 80 Meter QSO party run on Thursday 7 April 2022. The bands seemed to be reasonably clear except for the Eastern part of KwaZulu-Natal. The results were delayed due to the flooding in KZN, which had caused major damage to the electrical supply to major parts of the area.

1st Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ and Chris Avenant, ZS6CPA – 350 points
3rd Gerhard Coetzee, ZS3TG - 320 points
4th Keith Barker, ZS6HI - 280 points

From the logs received, it was determined that 31 amateurs participated in the first Regional FT4 contest. Nineteen logs were submitted containing 702 QSOs.

1st Jerry, 9J2BS – 234 points
2nd Johan, ZS6JBZ - 208 points
3rd Dan, Z21ML - 196 points

PROPAGATION REPORT

Hannes Coetzee, ZS6BZP, reports that the solar activity is expected to be at moderate levels. There are currently six sunspots with simple to complex magnetic configurations visible. There is a high probability for C- and M-class flaring. If you want to do your own frequency predictions, the expected effective sunspot number for the week will be around 76. The 10 to 30 m bands will especially late afternoon, provide some good DX fun. Please visit the website spaceweather.sansa.org.za for further information.

Finally, a diary of some upcoming events:

25 April – Marconi day
27 April – Freedom Day, Samuel Morse Day and the Sandton Talking Tech Power hour
30 April – the SARL 40 m Club Contest and the end of the SAMOC April Word Search
1 May – Workers Day
2 May – Public Holiday; Eid al-Fitr and the ZS SOTA Activity Day
5 May – the closing date for Word Search and Club contest logs

To conclude our bulletin, a recap of our main news story:

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This concludes our bulletin for this morning.

We invite clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to radio amateurs and shortwave listeners, in both English and Afrikaans, if possible, by following the News Inbox link on the South African Radio League web page. News items to be included in the bulletin should reach the news team no later than the Friday afternoon preceding the bulletin date.

You are welcome to join us every Sunday morning for the weekly radio pro-

gramme, Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 CAT. The programme can be heard on VHF and UHF repeaters countrywide and on 7 082 kHz lower side-band by courtesy of Louis, ZS5LP. A rebroadcast by Andy, ZS6ADY can be heard on Monday evenings at 19:30 CAT on 3 620 kHz.

We welcome your signal reports, comments and suggestions; please send these by e-mail to artoday@sarl.org.za.

You have listened to a news bulletin written by Dennis Green, ZS2B, proofread by Dave Reece, ZS1DFR and read by .....

From the News Team, best wishes for the week ahead.